

### **REMARKS**

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of August 29, 2006.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

#### **The Office Action**

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 15-19 were allowed.

Claims 8 and 10 were rejected under §103(a) for alleged obviousness based upon U.S. Patent 6,296,752 to McBride et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,149,789 to Benecke et al.

Claims 11-14 were rejected under §103(a) for alleged obviousness based upon the '752 patent to McBride et al.

Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 8, 10, and 11-14, in order to expedite allowance of the remaining claims, the rejected claims have been canceled.

In view of the clarifications presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that the previously allowed claims, claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 15-19 are in condition for allowance.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 15-19 are in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

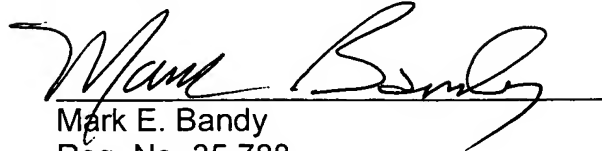
No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment B. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark E. Bandy, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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